

FISCAL NOTE

SB 2409 - HB 2673

March 14, 2000

SUMMARY OF BILL: Authorizes counties and municipalities to impose penalties for false alarms not to exceed during any 12 month period, \$25 for the first false alarm, \$50 for the second, \$100 for the third, \$250 for the fourth and \$500 for the fifth and subsequent false alarm. Current law provides for a maximum penalty of \$25 per false alarm.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase Local Govt. Revenues - Less than \$100,000 / Permissive

Assumes to the extent local governments choose to increase the penalties for false alarms they will experience increased revenues. Most local governments do not charge a penalty under current law until several warnings are given. The increase is estimated to be less than \$100,000 as it is expected most local governments will follow their current ordinances rather than implement the increases provided for in this bill.

For Informational Purposes: In FY 1998-1999 there were approximately 20,000 false alarms in Nashville-Davidson County. Presently, there is no charge until the third offense false alarm when the fine is \$37.50.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director

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